

Maritime Transportation Visionary "Swallows the Anchor" After 56 Years of Service to the Transportation Industry

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John W. Carnes, the father of the Gulf Rivers Intermodal Partnership and ultimately the Heartland Intermodal Partnership, swallowed the anchor (nautical term for retired) after 33 years of service at the Maritime Administration (MARAD) on January 3. His expertise will be sorely missed at MARAD. We do hope that he will continue his involvement with the Heartland Intermodal Partnership, which was inspired by John's vision to "expedite safe and secure freight movements, reduce congestion, and advocate increased use of the Heartland's intermodal and water resources as strategies for coping with demands on the region's transportation system."

In June 2004, Carnes completed his fifty-sixth consecutive year in transportation. He started as a fireman on coal-burning locomotives at the Pennsylvania Railroad's coal docks at Sandusky, Ohio, and received his highest career honor when Maritime Administrator William G. Schubert proclaimed him Rear Admiral, United States Maritime Service, at his retirement party in December in New Orleans.

Carnes has been active in ensuring that the Merchant Marine's role in World War II is known by spearheading the

Merchant Marine exhibit at the National D-Day Museum located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

We wish John fair winds and following seas.



Maritime Administrator Schubert (with microphone) proclaiming John Carnes Rear Admiral, United States Maritime Service

Holiday Festivities at MARAD's Western Region



Santa Claus (Paul Matheson) and Michael T. Streblov



Left to Right: Simon Tao, Debra Welmere, Patricia Etridge, Richard Carter



Left to Right: Kevin Dwyer, Al Lipski, Chuck Johnston

MARAD's Western Region office in San Francisco held its annual Christmas party on December 16. The event, honoring the contributions of Western Region employees, family, friends, and the wide maritime community in the San Francisco Bay area, was held at MARAD's Western Region warehouse in Alameda Point.

Santa Claus arrived during the festivities and presented gifts to each child—plus some to the adults. Ready Reserve Force ship crews and members of the Military Sealift Command ships berthed at Alameda Point were guests for the day. Simon Tao acted as the social director, and coordinated all of the activities. He was ably assisted by Richard Carter, Bryan Vogel, Hank Ryan, and Santa Claus.